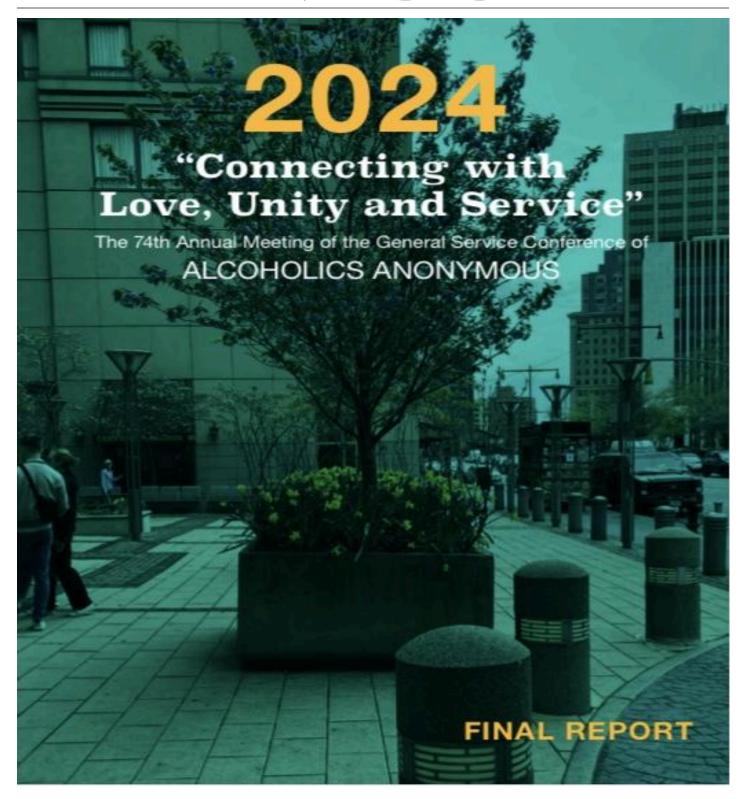


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SCAAN Fall Issue - October 20, 2024



FROM THE DELEGATE'S DESK.....

Hello Area 5! I hope everyone is safe and healthy. I'm honored and privileged to serve as your Panel 73 Delegate. It just hit me - this is my final article for the SCAAN as your Delegate!

I can't believe the panel is almost finished and we'll be electing a new panel of officers during our Election Assembly, October 20, 2024. Wow, what a ride it's been.



I'm proud of the work you're doing to help "Carry the Message" of hope and recovery to still suffering alcoholics and their families. Continue to use the resources provided by the General Service Office (GSO) and your local committees to further your projects and bolster your activities.

As most of you know, I have received the printed <u>Final Reports from the 74th General Service Conference!</u> I have delivered the reports to many of our districts, DCMs, and committee chairs. For those that have **NOT** yet received your district's allotment, please pick them up at the election assembly or call me to arrange pick up and/or delivery of your copies. Everyone should read the final report, share pertinent information with your respective groups and any A.A. member. The digital version is available on aa.org as well.

Registration for the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada, opened September 10, 2024. Some people experienced glitches in the process and were unable to book lodging in the downtown Vancouver area. The International Convention Coordinator worked with hoteliers to add more rooms. Please visit aa.org/internation-convention for updates.

In early September, my wife and I attended the *Bridging the Gap Workshop Weekend* (BTGWW) in Missoula, MT. It was great to spend time with our Treatment Chair, Mark S., where our Area was awarded next year's (2025) BTGWW! A huge shoutout to Mark and Tiffany who put together a winning bid package. It's an amazing opportunity to host next year's workshop with people from around the U.S. and Canada. We have a vibrant BTG committee that will only grow in enthusiasm, and our surrounding areas will also benefit. The Treatment and Accessibilities staff coordinator, Kelley C., was present, as well. She gave us an update on BTG related resources and was the main speaker Saturday night.

Area 5 was also awarded the 29th Annual Regional La Vina Anniversary event! Several of our very enthusiastic La Vina committee members, led by Jose Luis E., put in a winning bid for that event, too! Area 5 will be very busy next year hosting 2 large A.A. service events. We have much work ahead of us!

I want to thank our Committee Chairs for their continued service helping carry the message in their respective committee, the DCMs/DCMCs for your leadership role in your respective districts, our Officers for their behind-the-scenes work enabling Area 5 to function, and our CFO & Audit Subcommittee for watching over our finances.

I look forward to being with you at our Fall Election Assembly on Sunday, October 20, 2024. We'll participate in the Third Legacy Election process to elect our Area's candidate for Trustee-at-Large US, and our new officers for Panel 75! Plan to make yourself available for officer positions. **WE NEED YOU!**

Page 19 of the A.A. Service Manual reads:

ELECTION ASSEMBLIES: At this special meeting, held once every two years, the delegate is elected, typically, along with area officers. It is common for little or no other business to be conducted. In an election year, this assembly is usually scheduled in the fall, with plenty of time for the newly elected delegate and area officers to prepare to take office in the new cycle. (See Appendix M for information on Conference panels.)

For those making themselves available for Delegate, please read **Chapter 5**, **THE DELEGATE**, which describes the duties of the delegate. Pages 32-38:

Area delegates have been elected to participate as trusted servants and to provide important leadership in the Fellowship. Indeed, the areas look to their delegates to lead them on tackling current issues while helping the Fellowship to prepare for the future.

Considering the role that delegates play in the Conference, it should come as no surprise that much will be asked of them in time and effort. Delegates are charged with understanding the experiences, viewpoints and group conscience of their areas, while assuming responsibility for the U.S./Canada Conference as a whole. This is why the experience of being a delegate is like no other.

While the panel is ending, our work is not finished! DCMs, DCMCs, Committee Chairs and Officers, prepare to turn over your projects, supplies and digital assets to your respective successor.

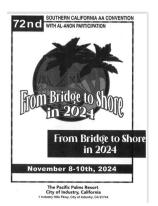
Feel free to contact me at any time via my email address: delegate@area05aa.org or my mobile number listed in the SCAAN.

It's truly been an honor and privilege to represent Area 5 and all of you! I want to thank the Area for electing me to be your delegate and to serve the 73rd and 74th General Service Conference. I look forward to being a Past Delegate in our Area and to seeing what the next chapter holds.

Respectfully,

Doug S., Delegate, Southern California Area 05, Panel 73

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- Area Archives
- Audio Visual
- Cooperation with the Elderly Community (CEC)
- Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)
- Cooperation With the Young Community
- Corrections
- Finance

- Grapevine/La Viña
- Guidelines and Policies
- Interpretation
- Literature
- Newsletter (SCAAN)
- Public Information (P.I.)
- Registration
- Translation
- Treatment Facilities
- Website/Tech (AREA05AA.ORG)

USEFUL WEBSITES

aa.org - General Service in New York. (GSO and World Services)

<u>area05aa.org</u> - Southern California Area Assembly (Area 05)

aagrapevine.org - A.A. Grapevine (A monthly journal of A.A. stories articles of interest.)

<u>aalavina.org</u> - A.A. La Vina (A.A.'s Spanish Language Magazine)

2024 SCAA CALENDAR APPROVED

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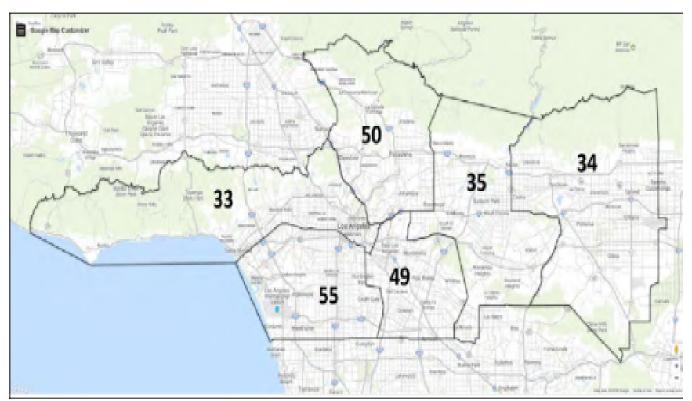
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Area 05 Maps



AREA MAP (English-Speaking Districts)



AREA MAP (Spanish-Speaking Districts)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR 12 STEP SERVICE AWAIT MEMBERS OF AA!

PLEASE SHARE WITH ALL AA GROUP MEMBERS

OUR GENERAL SERVICE AREA 05-SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA ASSEMBLY HAS A SERVICE COMMITTEE CALLED "CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE"

OUR MISSION: TO ENCOURAGE AND GUIDE ALL AA MEMBERS IN OUR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA TO BE OF SERVICE TO THE INCARCERATED STILL-SUFFERING ALCOHOLICS IN ONE OR MORE CAPACITIES:

- 1) H&I JAIL PANEL LEADERS: PLEASE BRING ENOUGH "CONTACT UPON RELEASE FORMS" FOR THE INCARCERATED TO COMPLETE AND THEN BRING BACK TO OUR TABLE AT THE NEXT HnI MONTHLY MEETING OR EMAIL PHOTOS TO area05corrections@gmail.com or text 619-946-8622
- 2) ANY AA MEMBER WITHOUT JAIL CLEARANCE: ALL ARE INVITED TO WRITE LETTERS TO INCARCERATED MEN AND WOMEN TO ARRANGE TAKING THEM TO THEIR FIRST AA MEETING "UPON RELEASE." WE HAVE A F TO COLLECT YOUR INFORMATION, HAVE LETTER TEMPLATES, AND OTHER RESOURCES TO ASSIST YOU. email: areao5corrections@gmail.com or text 619-946-8622

REMEMBER: MEN CONTACT MEN AND WOMEN CONTACT WOMEN!

- 3) ANY AA MEMBER: OUR GENERAL SERVICE OFFICE (GSO) IN NEW YORK HAS A SERVICE DESK CALLED "CORRECTIONS CORRESPONDENCE." ANY AA MEMBER MAY SIGN UP HERE AT aa.org AND WRITE INCARCERATED
- 4) ANY AA MEMBER CAN JOIN AND SERVE ON OUR AREA of CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE. WE MEET 8AM, THE LAST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH ON Meeting ID: 820 9490 1678 Passcode: areao5.
- 5) PLEASE COMPLETE OUR <u>COMMITTEE SURVEY</u> TO GET STARTED.areao5corrections@gmail.com or text 619-946-8622

When sharing about corrections service, refer to an excerpt from a letter that our co-founder Bill W. wrote to a prison group in 1949: Every A.A. has been, in a sense, a prisoner. Each of us has walled himself out of society; each has known social stigma. The lot of you folks has been even more difficult: In your case, society has also built a wall around you. But there isn't any real essential difference, a fact that practically all A.A.s now know. Therefore, when you members come into the world of A.A. on the outside, you can be sure that no one will care a fig that you have done time. What you are trying to be—not what you were—is all that counts with us

IN SERVICE, AREA 05 PANEL 73, PAUL D. (CHAIR) AND SAGE G. (ALT. CHAIR)

2025 SCAA CALENDAR APPROVED

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A.A. AREA 05 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA Area Committee Meeting Sunday - August 18th, 2024 Elks Lodge #202 11263 Woodruff Ave., Downey, Ca. 90241 Host: District 13

The Area Committee Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 22nd, 2024, by Gola R. Area 5 Chairperson, with two minutes of silent meditation and the Serenity Prayer.

Welcome and Call-to-Order.

People with A.A. Birthdays (Anniversaries) from February 19th, 2024 to June 22nd, 2024, were recognized and serenaded with the birthday song.

A.A. 's Declaration of Unity was read in & English & Spanish.

Jen C. Area 05 Registrar: Jen performed the Area Roll Call

Gola R. Area 05 Chairperson: Made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded. Asked if there was any discussion. No discussion. Motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Shawn A. Area 05 Secretary: Made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 22, 2024, Area Committee Meeting. Motion was seconded. Asked if there was any discussion. One member requested the minutes be changed to remove names from District 6 and District 25. These are currently inactive districts so they should not show having a DCM. Motion was accepted. No further discussion. Motion was voted on with an amendment and approved unanimously.

Delegate Report.

Doug S. Area 05 Panel 73 Delegate.

Theme: As you know, last year I chose "participation" as the theme because it's all about being present. Showing up. We're now well into our 2nd year with slightly more than 6 months remaining in our service positions. I've chosen another action word to describe our remaining time together. That word is **Responsibility!**

DCM'S/DCMC's - YOU are the vital link between your GSR's & Alcoholics Anonymous as a whole. They rely on you to share information you hear here, receive in the emails sent by me, and forwarded to your Districts, that come from the General Service Office, Grapevine & La Vina, and other parts of A.A.

Accurate District Information: DCM's please continue to work with our Registrar, Jen C., for a report (or list) of GSRs and Groups in their District and review for accuracy. In addition, you have access to *Fellowship Connection*, which is our interface into the GSO group services. **2025 Calendar:** Please take the calendar you received from our Secretary, Shawn A., and put those dates into your personal calendars. We'll vote on the 2025 calendar later today. The dates are important for you, your GSRs, the Area and the **next Delegate** for the 75th GSC in April 2025. Next year's Conference starts April 27, 2025, so there's more time to visit groups. More details on that as the year progresses.

74th General Service Conference and the Conference Process: While the annual Conference is held in April or May each year, the Conference process is a year-round effort to implement changes approved at the 73rd and 74th GSC and prepare for next year's Conference. The 74th General Service Conference was held April 14-20, 2024, in Brooklyn, New York, with the theme being

Delegate Report Back Status: As many of you know that I've been visiting Districts following the Spring Assembly. I'm visiting as many districts as possible. I'm also available to meet with groups as the need arises. I have shared the

"Connecting with Love, Unity and Service."

Reference Guides and Quick Reference Guides through the Area email distribution lists. Let me know if you need digital copies of the documents. I have visited the following Districts: CIH (May 26), D33 (June 1), D14 (Nikki U. June 6), D18 (June 6), D36 (June 8), WCD (6/9), D4 (June 11), D13 (June 13), CHD (June 15), D34 (June 17) and D30 (June 19). District Report Backs Scheduled: D35 (June 24), D3 (August 1), and D7 (August 5). Districts Not Scheduled Yet: D2, D49, D50 and D55. DCMs please coordinate with me to have your district Report Back scheduled.

Plain Language Big Book (PLBB): As you know, the Plain Language Big Book was approved at the 74th GSC. Working title: **Plain Language Big Book:** A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous.

The A.A.W.S. publishing committee will meet this week (June 21) to discuss the number of books to print. However, nothing will be decided until the trustees' Literature Committee (TLC) meeting during the July Board weekend (July 26-29, 2024). The price has not been set. Publication target date for Fall 2024, depending on printing run and printer availability. In addition, the Floor Actions (FA) pertaining to literature not addressed during the 74th GSC will be discussed then as well. The FAs are:

Floor Action 8 (Submitted on April 18, 2024): It was recommended that:

The additional feedback from the Conference Committee on Literature identified in their memo to the Publishing Department on sticking points for the Plain Language draft manuscript be implemented in the draft before printing.

Floor Action #14 (Submitted on April 19, 2024): It was recommended that:

The explanations of the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts be removed from the Plain Language Big Book.

Floor Action #15 (Submitted on April 19, 2024): It was recommended that: Retitle the Plain Language Big Book to: "The Plain Language guide to A.A.'s 12 Steps of Recovery."

Area Elections: Folks, we're only 4 months away from our elections, October 20, 2024, held during our Fall Assembly. The elections will be hybrid. We have contracted with Tech 12 to perform the online portion of the assembly.

I'm hoping most of you will make yourselves "available" for Area Officer. From the Area 5 Guidelines & Policies, section: VIII. SCAA ELECTIONS

- 1. Elections are held at the Fall Area assembly of each even-numbered year for the two-year term beginning in January of following odd-numbered year
- 2. SCAA Officers to be elected are Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, Secretary, Accounts Treasurer, Contributions Treasurer and Registrar.
- 3. Prior to electing each Officer, qualifications and duties for the office are read from the A.A. Service Manual and these Area Guidelines & Policies.
- 4. Third Legacy Procedures described in the A.A. Service Manual apply.
- 5. Those eligible to stand for election are Area Committee members, but no one is eligible to stand for an office in which he or she has ever served a full term in any General Service Area. Candidates must be present at the Election Assembly to stand for election. The names of all those eligible to stand are read. Candidates state whether they are available.
- 6. Voting eligibility in Area elections is the same as those at Area assemblies. That's it for me! Thanks for letting me be of service.

DCMC/DCM Reports:

<u>DCMC Combined Hispanic Districts</u>: Julio B. We have some upcoming events. We are invited to coordinate the elections of the Spanish Districts. We will be in District 49 on August 19th. We will be in District 55 on August 25th. District 49 on September 28th. District 35 on September 9th. We thank the Alternate Delegate Nikki for making a

presentation on General Service. The next events are the Workshop of the Two Areas, Area 05 and 93 on September 8^{th} .

DCMC Combined Hollywood Districts: No Report.

<u>DCMC Westside Combined Districts:</u> Joe C. At the last Area Committee meeting, I announced that we would be hosting the annual Not A Glum Lot Service Festival on Sunday, June 23rd at Veterans Park Culver city, and I am happy to report that the event was a total success. We hosted the Area Committees, who set up informational booths. The event included an AA speaker meeting, committee presentations, and a barbecue where we served hamburgers and hotdogs. We even held a 50/50 raffle, with the lucky winner taking home \$185. The event was also translated into Spanish.

I want to share a spiritual experience that deeply touched my soul. At the end of the event, I witnessed a caterpillar crawling by the tables - it was very reminiscent of the transformative journey of our program of recovery, and the very reason we are all here today. It reminded me of a talk, titled, Why Do We Need A Conference?

The late Bernard B. Smith, nonalcoholic, then chairman of our board of trustees, and one of the architects of the Conference structure, answered that question superbly in his opening talk at the 1954 meeting: "We may not need a General Service Conference to insure our own recovery. We do need it to insure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to insure recovery of a child being born tonight, destined to alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth which brought us back to life. Thank you, so much, to all of you who made the event what it was.

It was also a privilege to represent Westside Combined Districts at this year's Pacific Regional Forum. The forum only takes place every other year, and each time it takes place, its at one of the 15 areas that make up the Pacific Region. This year, it was hosted by Area 42 in the sunny and warm, Las Vegas.

Reilly K, our Pacific Regional Trustee moderated the event and in her closing remarks, she recalled that in 1975, there was a sense that nobody really knew the trustees and that not many people would go to NYC to see and meet the people of GSO, so, to address this, they thought that they would bring GSO to us, leading to the creation of the Pacific Regional Forum. She also gave us the final attendance numbers. 918 attendees and 588 being first-time attendees.

GSO General Manager, Bob W. then expressed his hope that we have gained a deeper understanding of the General Service Board and how deeply rooted it is in the groups.

Lastly, Scott H, the Chair of the General Service Board thanked the fellowship for reminding him that it is possible to navigate our differences with grace and understanding, fostering an environment where each voice is valued and every interaction is marked by genuine respect. This, he believes, is a testament to the strength and unity of our Fellowship, and a powerful reminder that our diversity is a source of our strength, not division

We have a couple of exciting things coming up at Westside Combined Districts. First, our annual Love and Service Festival will be taking place on Saturday, October 26th from 12 - 3, location is to be determined. Next, we will be having our District Elections at our November meeting on Sunday, November 10th. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the next panel of officers.

The Westside Combined Districts Literature Committee has launched a monthly meeting series called "Pamphlet Palooza," where we dive into a different Conference-Approved Pamphlet each month. We will be hosting a four-part series on the pamphlet *AA Traditions: How It Developed* by Bill W., with AA historian and archivist Thom B. from Area 72 leading the presentations. These meetings are held on Zoom on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Our next session is scheduled for Monday, August 25th, we hope to see you there!

WCD is home to 15 districts and 13 committees. We meet once a month on the second Sunday of the month from 9am-11am at the Fourth Street Learning Center in Santa Monica, Ca. The address is 2808 4th St. Santa Monica, Ca, 90405. GSR orientation starts 30 minutes prior to our meeting, which goes from 8:30am-9am. Even if you're not a part of the Westside Combined Districts, all are welcome! We hope to see you at our next meeting on Sunday, September 8th at 9:00am Please see me if you have any questions

<u>District 2:</u> Peter C. The most noteworthy news from District 2 was Delegate Doug's visit on August 6^{th} . We feel that basic awareness of General Service activity was raised in the district as sixteen alcoholics were in attendance: fourteen in person and two on Zoom. We look forward to holding more service events in our attempt to increase participation.

<u>District 3:</u> Aidan S. We are finally hitting our stride now that the panel is almost over. We had the Delegate out to give his report back. We have an average attendance of 15 – 20 General Service Representatives. Our meetings are Hybrid.

<u>District 4:</u> JoyAnna H. We have 10-12 members attend our District meeting. We are Hybrid. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month. We have four new General Service Representatives and Alternates. We have new liaisons for the Covina Young Peoples meeting and H&I.

<u>District 5:</u> Joe F. We've had a productive district the last couple months. We average about six General Service Representatives every month. We welcomed a new General Service Representative last week.

District 6: No report.

District 7: Joe T. We meet on the first Monday of every month. The Delegate and Alternate Delegate came to our meeting last Monday for the Delegates Report Back.

District 8: No Report.

District 9: No Report.

District 10: No Report.

<u>District 13:</u> Mandy D. Our district includes: Alhambra, Arcadia, Duarte, El Monte, Monrovia, Rosemead, San Gabriel & Sierra Madre.

We meet on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7pm on Zoom.

The meeting information on the Area 05 website is correct as is our contribution information. We have been added to the calendar too. Thank you to our webmaster!

We had a glitch in the beginning of this year due to our P.O. box expiring as it had not been renewed. Our treasurer has provided the district with a new P.O. box and the district bank account is linked to Zelle now. I have been visiting meetings to inform the treasurers and let the Glendora central office know what happened.

We have former and present GSR's who are using the 'Talk to your healthcare provider' packets as they are involved in CPC and CEC.

We were visited by our delegate Doug for a second time at our last monthly meeting as we ran short on time when he gave his GSC report back in June. He provided us with great information and insight, thank you Doug.

<u>District 14:</u> Stacy J. We have Three General Service Representatives. We have an amazing energy and participation from all our GSR's. They're pumped on Service work. District 14 has an active PI/CPC Committee with five members. The latest project is to hand out specially made packets for Faith Leaders. They made fifty in English and twenty-five Spanish packets.

Talks in the works about whether we are going to continue our Fall event or expand next year on our highly successful writing workshop.

District 15: No report.

District 17: No Report

<u>District 18:</u> Scott N. We meet on the first Thursday of every month. We are Hybrid. On Saturday September 21st we will host our 25th Annual Pancake Breakfast.

District 19: No report.

District 25: No report.

District 26: No Report.

<u>District 30:</u> Ron H. We meet on the third Wednesday of every month. We are Hybrid. We get 15 – 20 General Service Representatives at the District meeting. We sponsor a quarterly 4th Step Workshop. We are working on updating our District Guidelines and Policies. We'll be having our District elections in October. In December at 6PM we will host our Annual Open House and everyone is invited.

District 33: Carlos E. We are the first Spanish speaking district in Are 05. We have 22 Groups in our District. We have 11 General Service Representatives and 3 Alternates. We meet every 2 weeks. We visit groups every Tuesday

and Wednesday. To reinforce the information that the GSR's are taking to the Groups and for the Groups without a GSR to carry the information to them and encourage them to participate.

<u>District 34:</u> Juan A. We have 11 GSRs and 2 Alternates. We are motivating the service and the new GSR's. On Friday we were present at the CIH. The Alternate Delegate gave a presentation General Service. On August 19th we will have our District elections for Panel 75. On November 16th we will be hosting the ACM in the City of Claremont.

<u>District 35:</u> Felipe De J. We visit the groups in our district twice a week. We participate in Group Anniversaries. We have 17 Groups. 15 have General Service Representatives. We also have 7 Alternate General Service

Representatives. We have a marathon meeting on the second Sunday of the month. Our District meetings are on the second and last Monday of each month. We will have our elections on the 9^{th} of September. It will be coordinated by CIH. On the 27^{th} of October we will host the 23^{rd} anniversary of Historical Archives. This event includes the 6 Spanish Speaking Districts of Area 05. It will be from 2-6PM.

District 36: Rachel K. District 36 is in West LA and includes all of the meetings at Ohio Avenue.

The Alternate-DCM, Kerry O, is in attendance today, as is GSR Becca K.

As a district we are consistently encouraging and supporting new General Service Representatives and new Alternate GSR's in the district. We have 8 GSR and 7 Alternate GSR's. Since our last Area Committee Meeting on June 22nd, we have one new General Service Representative and four new Alternate GSR's.

Where there are groups where the GSR is inactive, we are working to stimulate interest for those groups to want an actively participating GSR to ensure their meeting's voice is heard and ensuring information from the General Service Office is reaching our districts' A.A. members.

District 36 continues to meet once a month in person, in addition to our monthly Westside Combined Districts meeting. At our district meetings we share ideas and best practices and invite and host Area Committee Chairs and Area Officers to attend our district meeting to encourage, educate and support our General Service Representatives in their service journey. Thank you, Gola and Victor, for visiting our district!

At our last district meeting we discussed the timeline for submitting ideas for possible General Service Conference themes and topics. We also discussed the videos from the Young People's Video project, for anyone who may be interested in these great messages of hope and recovery.

Finally, we are working to confirm attendance and participation at the Assembly on October 20th in Santa Monica to ensure every meeting/group has representation.

<u>District 37/38:</u> No Report. <u>District 39/40:</u> No Report.

District 41: No Report.

District 43: Andrea. At our last district meeting we had eleven in attendance with one new General Service Representative. We set up a What's App Chat, distributed Grapevine Newsletter and Box 459.

<u>District 45:</u> Susan. At our last meeting we discussed talking to your meeting treasurer to make sure they know they can contribute to the Westside Combined Districts. We also discussed visiting meetings to stimulate support for General Service.

District 46: No Report.

<u>District 49:</u> Ruben C. We continue to visit groups. We have 30 Groups. In June we welcomed a new Group in the City of Huntington Park. The Groups name is "Learning How To Live". On the 14th the Delegate visited to give his report. We will have our elections on the 28th. On September 8th we will participate in the Two Area Event. We are working on the 45th Hispanic FORO on November 10th.

District 50: No Report.

<u>District 55:</u> Sandra - Alt DCM In District 55 We Have 30 Groups, 11 Committees and at the moment only 9 committees are working/active. We have study groups on Wednesdays 2 times per month and we have meeting reports on Wednesdays 2 times per month. We visit 13 groups per month and are present to the organized services: On Saturday 08/10/2024 GSR Assembly at District 55.

1 + 33 = 34 (GSRs: 19 ALT. GSRs: 1). (we have 3 new GSR) in our Assembly we had the presence of our Delegate Doug and his wife Sue. Our Delegate gave a presentation on the Conference and La Viña. They were well received.

On Friday 08/16/2024 Present at the CIH with Alternate Delegate Nikki with presentation on General Service from 8-9:30PM. We always have snacks.

On Saturday 08/25/2024 we will have our elections for the new service members for District 55 Panel 75. Everyone is welcomed, there will be food and snacks.

On Sunday 08/26/2024 we will be present at the General Assembly at the C.I.H. from 10AM - 1 PM. There will be food and snacks.

We give thanks to all the service members from Area 05. Especially to our Delegate Doug for his presentation at District 55 and thanks to Alternate Delegate Nikki for her sessions on General Service at the C.I.H.

<u>District 56:</u> No Report. <u>District 58:</u> No Report.

Officer Reports

<u>Alternate Delegate:</u> Nikki U. I am the Area Liaison to several different committees and service structures. On the first of every month I attend the National Alternate Delegates meeting on ZOOM. I am also the liaison for the Southern California A.A. Convention. That event will be held November 8th – 10th. I am liaison to the SoCal H&I Committee. I went with Doug on some of his report backs.

<u>Secretary:</u> Shawn A. My responsibilities include taking notes for the Area Assemblies and Area Committee Meetings. Getting those notes translated with the help of the Translation Committee and getting them put in the SCAAN. It is recommended that if you give a report or presentation, please provide a copy to the secretary. I want to thank all the Spanish Speaking DCM's and DCMC's for providing copies of their reports. This is helpful in case the audio file is incomprehensible.

<u>Accounts Treasurer:</u> Nikk U. At the last Assembly we presented the 2nd Quarter Financial Report. Made a motion to approve the 2nd Quarter Accounts Treasurer Report. Motion was seconded. Discussion was opened. An angry member came to the microphone to complain about PRAASA advances that had not been reconciled. After a short explanation the member realized they had already made this complaint, and that it in fact had been resolved. No further discussion. Moved to a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Contributions Treasurer:</u> Brian P. Made a motion to approve the 2nd Quarter Contributions Report. Motion was seconded. Discussion was opened. A member made a friend request to move their group from District 6 to District 5 on the report. The group had changed districts 3 years earlier. Also, requested to change a District 36 meeting name from "Positive Action" to "12x12". Positive Action Group changed the name several years ago but failed to inform the Area. Motions were accepted. No further discussion. Moved to a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

Registrar: Jen C.

- Today's attendance (at time of my report):
- Total 63 people
- In-Person: 47 people
- Virtual: 14 people
- 20 people serving in multiple positions
- Groups in the Area 05:
- Regular: 738
- Virtual: 33
- Spanish Speaking Groups: 119
- Group Status (Data Integrity Update):
- Current Unknown Groups: 686
- Unknown Groups at start of DI Project: 801
- Reminders:

1. Please send all Group Change and New Group forms to me/the Registrar. If the forms are sent to Member Services, they will forward the forms to me.

- 2. October 16th is the deadline for registration to be able to vote at the Election Assembly. We will utilize the honor system and colored stickers to designate your voting status. Alternates only vote if their respective Chair/DCM/GSR is not present.
- 3. There are two different registration processes: With me registration of your <u>group</u> with the General Service Office; With LACOAA registration of your <u>meeting</u> to be listed in the meeting directory and Meeting Guide App

Quarterly Sharing Session on Tuesday, July 16 from 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. EST.

<u>Chairperson:</u> Gola R. Is to coordinate area events and put together area programming and agendas for our area assemblies and area committee meetings. We are still looking for a district to host the Summer Assembly and August Area Committee Meeting. The Election Assembly in October will be hosted by Combined Westside Districts, and the Last Area Committee Meeting of Panel 73 will be hosted by District 34.

Officer Roles & Responsibilities Presentation: **Nikki U Alternate Delegate**: Presented the Job Descriptions of the Officers and their individual responsibilities.

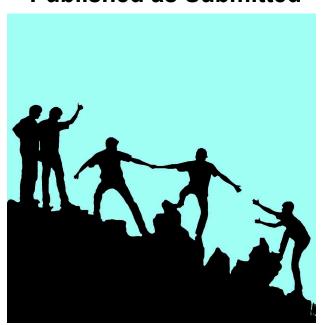
Unfinished Business:

Presentation & Preliminary Approval of proposed changes to Area 05 Guidelines & Policies and Area 05 Financial Guidelines Lauren A. Panel 71 Delegate: Motion was made Change Area 05 Guidelines and Area 05 Financial Guidelines to move responsibility of the Area 05 Annual Budget from the Finance Committee Chair to the Area Accounts Treasurer. Second was made. Discussion was opened. Discussion was mostly individuals confused about the timeline suggested in the proposal. Two friendly amendments were made and approved. Once discussion was completed, we moved to a vote. Majority to approve with a couple of no votes. Minority opinion was heard. It changed no one's opinion. Motion passed and will be forwarded to the Winter Assembly for final approval.

New Business: There was none.

There were Good & Welfare announcements. The meeting was closed with the reading of the Responsibility Statement in Spanish and English. The next meeting is the Area05 Summer Assembly on Saturday July 27th.

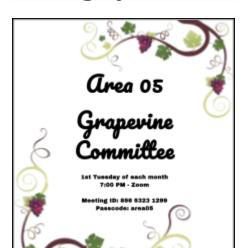








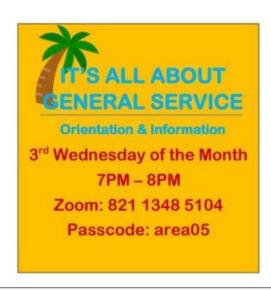


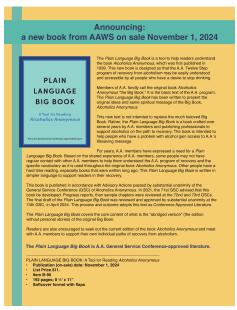












A.A. AREA 05 - SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA SUMMER ASSEMBLY AGENDA SATURDAY - July 27, 2024 Elks Lodge #2020 11233 Woodruff Ave., Downey, CA 91762

Host: District 33

Gola R. Area Chairperson, opened the meeting with a welcoming statement and opening comments at 9:00 a.m. Two-minute silent meditation followed by the Serenity Prayer and Birthdays (May 20th – July 27th). The Twelve Concepts were read in English and Spanish. Introduction of new General Service Representatives

Introduction of New General Service Representatives & Alternates

ROLL CALL: Jen C. Registrar conducted the Roll Call.

Poten	itial	Present			Potential		Present	I		Total Present		In Person	Virtual
Area Officers	6	6		P	ast Delegate	13	3	1		Voting Members	67		13
DCMs	30	15		Con	nmittee Chair	22	11	1	Non1	Voting & Visitors	40		9
Alt DCMs	16	2			Alt Chairs	5	1	1		Total	107	85	22
GSRs	281	27			DCMCs	3	3					1	
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DCM	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1		
ALT DCM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
GSR	0	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2		
ALT GSR	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0		
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DCM	0	0	1	0	0	0	11	1	1	1	1		
ALT DOM	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1		
GSR	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	3		
ALT GSR	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2		
Total	1	0	3	0	1	0	3	2	2	2	7		
District	37-38	39-40	41	43	45	46	49	50	55	56	58		
DCM	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0		
ALT DCM	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		
GSR	0	4	0	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	0		
ALT GSR	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0		
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GSR	0												

Approval of the Agenda

Gola R. Chairperson made a motion to approve the Assembly Agenda. Motion was seconded. Voting was held. Opened for discussion, no discussion. Motion passed.

Approval of May 19th, 2024, Assembly Minutes

Secretary presented the Spring Assembly Minutes. Motion to approve was made. Second was made. Vote was held. Motion passed.

Delegates Report: Doug S.

Delegate Report Back Status: Page 36 in the A.A. Service Manual, section titled, **REPORTING BACK**, describes the process as:

Reporting to groups, districts, and the area back home following the annual meeting is a vital part of every delegate's job. Some call this report, which can take a variety of forms, the "report-back."

Page 5 of the A.A. Service Manual, section titled, **THE DELEGATE AND THE CONFERENCE**, describes the process as:

After the Conference meeting: Each delegate reports back to their area on Conference proceedings and the approved Conference Advisory Actions and additional committee considerations. Each GSR, having had the opportunity to hear from and ask questions of their delegate, is responsible for informing their group on the Conference outcome.

This is a team effort! *DCMs and GSRs play a vital role in closing the "communication loop" with their Groups.*

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<u>District Report Backs Scheduled:</u> D3 (August 1), D7 (August 5), D2 (August 6), D13 for the 2nd time (August 8), D55 (August 10), D50 (August 31) and D49 (September 14).

<u>Meeting Visits:</u> Grupo El Milagro de Vivir on Monday, July 15th, and Grupo La Salida on Thursday, July 18th. That happens to be Juan Montiel's home group in D34. I shared information about General Service, the Conference actions, and answered many questions!

In addition, I attended the Area 5 La Vina event hosted by our Spanish Districts this past Sunday (July 21st) at the Windsor Club. That was a great day! Shawn A. and I represented the Officers. Thanks to Sandra M., Alt. DCM D55, for providing interpretation for me and Shawn.

<u>Committee Chairs and Alternates:</u> Please become familiar with the results of the Conference agenda items for your respective committees. Let me know if you have questions. Thank you in advance!

Getting Items on the Conference Agenda: Does anyone have anything you'd like to see discussed at next year's conference? (That would be the 75th G.S.C.). The Pacific Region Delegates have scheduled a *PAI Workshop* on *August* 1, 2024. The virtual session is from 6-7:30 pm. There are flyers on the back table for you to copy and distribute to your GSRs. I emailed the flyers to the Area on June 7, 2024, with a reminder sent July 25th. Reilly K., our Pacific Region Trustee, will be the online host.

The goal of the workshop is to demystify the process. We hope you walk away feeling more informed.

Please be aware there's a deadline to submit for consideration of "No Earlier than September 30th." Though you may submit anytime between NOW & then. We passed an Advisory Action at the 74th GSC to push the deadline back a couple weeks. See Policy/Admissions on page 12 of the Reference Guide (English) and page 13 of the Spanish Reference Guide.

More details can be found on page 164, Appendix U, in the Service Manual, **THE PATH FOR AN IDEA TO BECOME AN AGENDA ITEM**.

Pacific Regional Forum: This event was held July 12-14, 2024, in Las Vegas NV. Area 42 did a great job hosting. Many folks from our General Service Office were in attendance, including the General Manager, Bob W., Racy J., GSO Staff Coordinator, Eilleen A., the Regional Forums coordinator.

There were 918 registered attendees. 588 were first time attendees.

The new Board Chair, Scott H., presented on the General Service Board. Reilly K., our PR Trustee, presented on the annual General Service Conference. Vera F., a non-trustee director, presented on the A.A.W.S. Corporate Board.

Bob W., presented on the General Service Office. He gave us some insight into his commute, history on the GSO locations, and showed some slides of the office, departments, tours, and how to contact GSO.

Paz P., presented on Grapevine and La Vina, in Spanish which was translated into English. Julia D., the Digital Engagement.

Here are some of the highlights:

<u>Young People's Video project:</u> The Public Information desk is pleased to announce that two new videos from the Young People's Video project are now available on aa.org. These were first viewed during the 74th GSC, and again at the PR Forum in Las Vegas. I sent an email to the Area July 22, 2024.

"Young and Sober in AA: It could save your life" and "Young and Sober in AA: I thought drinking made me an artist" We hope you'll share them with young people in A.A. in your community and anyone you think might be interested in this message of hope and recovery. These can also be used for Public Information or CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) presentations.

Please note: more videos from a range of young people (including videos in French and Spanish) are coming soon. We look forward to sharing them with you.

<u>YouTube: ASL Sharing for Deaf Members:</u> Now available on the Grapevine and La Vina YouTube Channel! Worked with a grassroots committee to bring Deaf members' stories in ASL to our YouTube channel.

- Nonmember signers
- No captions
- Signers "member-approved"

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL32cyZpp2liBOcLY6M6rEh1qFL7MKSFI7 *GV/LV Subscription Growth (define the three options)*:

- Print
- Digital (online & app)
- Complete (print, online, app)

Grapevine total subscriptions March 2023 = 52,719 / March 2024 = 58,402 (+11%)

La Viña total subscriptions March 2023 = 5,794 / March 2024 = 6,956 (+20%).

Paz P. GV: June 2023 compared to June 2024: 53,218 / 59,169

Paz P. LV: June 2023 compared to June 2024: 6283 / 7035

Note: When purchasing the app subscription on Android devices, please use the A.A. website as opposed to Google Play. They take a cut of our profits. Apple does not because payments are done via Apple Pay which goes directly to your personal payment method (credit card, etc.).

<u>AAWS News:</u> Wire literature pamphlet racks will be discontinued by the manufacturer. Not certain our plans for literature racks.

<u>Note:</u> During an open sharing session, a member suggested using "over the door shoe organizer racks" as an alternative. Everyone thought that was a great idea!

Delegate Activities - You may be asking, "What's your Delegate doing?"

<u>Monthly Delegates Meeting:</u> The Pacific Region Delegates meet the first Thursday of every month to discuss activities across the region and share ideas. We have a very active and vibrant region. You'll have the opportunity to meet them at PAI Workshop next Thursday, August 1, 2024.

<u>District visits besides Report Backs:</u> Not a Glum Lot Service Festival on June $23^{\rm rd}$. La Vina event held by the Spanish Districts on July $21^{\rm st}$.

<u>Grapevine Board ad hoc committee:</u> As the result of a committee consideration and exhaustive feedback from the Fellowship, an ad-hoc committee to the Grapevine Board was formed to take a deep look at subscription and fulfillment issues at La Viña, and to help develop a 5-year plan. They are looking for participation from delegates who are in touch with the members who are experiencing problems. Consists of a monthly meeting and perhaps getting you to gather feedback from members. I was asked to join the ad hoc committee. Our first meeting will be in the next week or two.

<u>To Spanish speaking Districts:</u> I'm going to need your help! I'll share information once I know more. Please gather everything you can regarding subscription and fulfillment issues and submit suggestions your groups or members have to improve the process(es).

<u>Plain Language Big Book (PLBB)</u>: As you know, the Plain Language Big Book was approved at the 74th GSC. <u>Working title</u>: *Plain Language Big Book: A Tool for Reading Alcoholics Anonymous*.

The A.A.W.S. publishing committee met in June to discuss the number of books to print. However, nothing will be decided until the trustees' Literature Committee (TLC) meeting during the July Board weekend (July 26-29, 2024). The price has not been set yet. They are targeting November 1, 2024, for the printing and the books could be available before Christmas.

The Floor Actions (FA) pertaining to literature not addressed during the 74th GSC will be discussed during board weekend as well. The FAs are:

Floor Action #8 (Submitted on April 18, 2024): It was recommended that:

The additional feedback from the Conference Committee on Literature identified in their memo to the Publishing Department on sticking points for the Plain Language draft manuscript be implemented in the draft before printing.

Floor Action #14 (Submitted on April 19, 2024): It was recommended that:

The explanations of the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts be removed from the Plain Language Big Book.

Floor Action #15 (Submitted on April 19, 2024): It was recommended that:

Retitle the Plain Language Big Book to: "The Plain Language Guide to A.A.'s 12 Steps of Recovery."

<u>Conference Sharing Session:</u> One of the Advisory Actions of the 73rd General Service Conference recommended that: *To foster unity, trust, and transparency in the Fellowship, the members of the General Service Conference meet outside of the annual meeting for general sharing sessions at least two times per year utilizing virtual meeting technology. The General Service Board Chair and Delegate Chair will set the date and time as well as determine what issues currently facing the Fellowship would be chosen as topics. <u>The next sharing session is scheduled August 20, 2024.</u> I will share notes once the information becomes available.*

News from G.S.O., Box 4.5.9., Grapevine & La Vina:

2025 AA INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Taking place once every five years, the A.A. International Convention marks the anniversary of Bill W.'s first meeting with Dr. Bob and the birth of Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935. A.A. members and their families and friends from around the globe attend the event. At the International Convention people attend meetings, workshops, dances, and events. A highlight is the traditional flag ceremony to celebrate sobriety worldwide. Vancouver will welcome A.A. members from around the world for the 2025 International Convention. This will mark the 90th anniversary of the beginning of our Fellowship's founding. The International Convention will take place from July 3 - 6, 2025, at the Vancouver Convention Centre and BC Place Stadium.

Please check the convention webpage at www.aa.org/international-convention for more information, the latest news, and FAQs. As the Convention approaches, the page will be updated with registration information.

<u>Hospitality Room:</u> Pacific Region has submitted a bid to secure a hospitality room. There's some cost associated with the hospitality room, and the need to secure volunteers. More details will be revealed soon. <u>Letter from the 2025 International Convention Coordinator (emailed June 14):</u> Regarding misinformation circulating about hotel rooms for the 2025 International Convention in Vancouver. (Doug: read the letter.) Online registration and housing will open on September 10, 2024. In addition, print registration and housing forms are being prepared for distribution. The cost is \$160 for in-person pre-registration.

<u>Grapevine & La Vina:</u> Newsletters are sent monthly. I forward Grapevine & La Vina Newsletters when I receive them. The July Grapevine newsletter was forwarded Friday (6/14/24). La Vina is bi-monthly (Julio/Agosto) and was sent the same day. The August Grapevine newsletter was forwarded July 22, 2024.

If you did not get them, contact me & I'll send them to you directly. You may also ask your DCM or DCMC to forward the newsletters.

<u>Grapevine Issue Spotlight</u>: This month (August) is "**Dating & Relationships**" Members share experiences about sober dating and how their relationships have changed since they got to AA

Submit Your Story for Upcoming Grapevine Issues:

- 1. LGBTQ+ AA Stories Are you lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer or transgender? Share about your journey in AA. What are your challenges and joys? What things have helped you get sober? Share about your meetings, sponsorship, service, and fellowship. (*Stories due August 15, 2024*)
- 2. Making Amends Did you have an interesting 9th Step experience to share? How did it go? Were there any surprises? Share your experience. (*Stories due September 15, 2024*)
- 3. Living Sober Turns 50! Share a story about how this remarkable AA book helped you. (*Stories due September 15, 2024*)

<u>More upcoming topics:</u> Atheists/Agnostics in AA, What A.A. Is Like in Other Countries, Technology in A.A. and Gratitude.

<u>La Viña Current Issue Spotlight: This month's special section is Prisons (Prisiones.)</u>

Submit Your Story for Upcoming La Viña Issues:

- 1. September/October Making Amends (Reparaciones)
- 2. November/December Parties in Sobriety (Las fiestas en sobriedad)
- 3. We are always looking for stories about individual steps and traditions!

Share your ESH with La Viña: We need stories on Steps and Traditions. You can submit your stories by email, our website, mail or by audio recording.

<u>La Viña Workshop</u>: Join us for our next Workshop on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, at 3pm EST to learn more about Grapevine and La Viña. Get involved! Zoom Meeting ID: 815 9593 1777.

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www.aalavina.org/tienda/certificados-de-regalo

Lastly, there's good information for your Grapevine/La Viña Rep to share with their groups in the newsletters. **Box 459:** The Spring 2024 edition of Box 459 opens with "*Meet New GSO Staff Member Nick S.*"

GSO's newest staff member Nick S. lives in Rockland County, New York, but says he is "still holding onto the Bronx," specifically the borough's Throgs Neck neighborhood where he grew up. "It was acceptable where I lived to drink for every occasion or non-occasion, whether it was St. Patrick's Day or Columbus Day or just Tuesday," he says. "I started out drinking on the beaches of the Bronx at the age of 12. My first drunk was a blackout." Nick serves on the Corrections assignment.

There's a nice article about what to expect at the 2025 A.A. International Convention. See information in Box 459 regarding housing. Online registration begins September 10, 2024. There's an article titled, "*The International Women's Conference Comes of Age.*" Save the Date for the 27th National AA Archives Workshop, September 26-29, 2024, and, another article explaining the proposed agenda item (PAI) process works. Nice timing since our region is hosting a PAI Workshop, August 1st.

Finance Update: Q1 2024 finance report was emailed to the Area on May 31, 2024. If you have not read that report, please take the time to do so. It's important we, the Fellowship, read the details so we can inform our groups

and members. Some of you had the opportunity to meet Kevin at the PR Forum in Las Vegas, July 12-14, 2024. We should get the Q2 2024 report following the Board Weekend; hopefully, before the August ACM. [Doug will read off some highlights from the Q1 2024 finance report.]

Area Elections: Folks, we're only 3 months away from our elections, October 20, 2024, held during our Fall Assembly. The elections will be hybrid. We have contracted with Tech 12 to perform the online portion of the assembly.

I'm hoping most of you will make yourselves "available" for Area Officer. From the Area 5 Guidelines & Policies, section:

VIII. SCAA ELECTIONS

- 1. Elections are held at the Fall Area assembly of each even-numbered year for the two-year term beginning in January of following odd-numbered year
- 2. SCAA Officers to be elected are Delegate, Alternate Delegate, Chair, Secretary, Accounts Treasurer, Contributions Treasurer and Registrar.
- 3. Prior to electing each Officer, qualifications and duties for the office are read from the A.A. Service Manual and these Area Guidelines & Policies.
- 4. Third Legacy Procedures described in the A.A. Service Manual apply.
- 5. Those eligible to stand for election are Area Committee members, but no one is eligible to stand for an office in which he or she has ever served a full term in any General Service Area. Candidates must be present at the Election Assembly in order to stand for election. The names of all those eligible to stand are read. Candidates state whether they are available.
- 6. Voting eligibility in Area elections is the same as those at Area assemblies.

In addition, there's a vacancy on the Board for the U.S. Trustee-at-large position. Marita R., Panel 49 Past Delegate from Area 5, is the current TAL. She rotates out following the 75th GSC.

- Each area may select one candidate. A candidate may be selected from each of the Conference areas, or two or more areas may jointly propose a single candidate.
- The General Service Conference delegate and committee members should decide how their area will select its candidate. Each area will make its own decision. We follow our Area's Guidelines and Policies. Here's the excerpt:

Regional and Trustee-at-Large Candidates:

- 1. Candidates submit resumes to the SCAA Delegate at least 45 days before their election; late resumes are returned.
- 2. The SCAA Delegate sends copies of all resumes to each member of the Area Committee at least 30 days before the election.
- 3. Third Legacy procedures in the A.A. Service Manual apply.
- 4. Regional and Trustee-at-Large elections are held as needed to meet G.S.O. deadlines.
- 5. Voting eligibility for Regional and Trustee-at-Large elections is the same as those at Area assemblies.

That's it for me! Thanks for letting me be of service.

Coffee break and morning stretch

Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Meetings

Committee Chairs hosted their Committee Meetings.

Standing & Ad Hoc Committee Reports: Reports from all Committees:

Archives Committee

Joe F. We had 6 people in attendance, and we introduced ourselves, and then

We discussed the national archives workshop. Which is coming up in September. We will be sending one of our committee members to the workshop in Des Moines, Iowa. And then we also discussed a rough outline because we want to create an archivist for area 5.

Audio Visual Committee

Victor M. We had two members in attendance today. We discussed what the committee does. I don't want to bore you with all the details, but it was a great conversation. What the Audio Visual Committee does is provide AV services for meetings that request it. I do have a couple of events that I'm attending. On September 8th I will be attending the Hispanic General Service workshop. On November 10th I will be attending the 45th Hispanic Foro.

Cooperation with the Elderly Committee (CEC) NO REPORT

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)

Sue S. The Cooperation with the Professional Community meets the 2nd Saturday of each month on Zoom at 9 AM for one hour. At today's breakout session, we had 5 people present. We discussed what CPC is all about; from getting requests from the GSO desk about manning a table at local Professionals Events, to giving presentations either in person or on Zoom. Our latest "Nurses Schools and Universities" Project is moving along, as we try to contact professors who are setting their fall curriculums. Enthusiasm was big on discussing future professionals to connect with to spread the word about AA.

The CPC Chair in Maryland contacted me after she saw our project, "Talk to the Doctor" while pursing Area websites across the country. She invited me to share at their monthly meeting about the project, and the CPC committee was enthusiastic about what they learned.

Thank you for letting me be of service. Let's continue this 12th Step Work to help the still suffering alcoholic find the rooms of AA.

• Cooperation with the Young Community Committee (CYC)

Kiko P. We had fourteen members in attendance. We talked about the Zine quite a bit today, because we finally finished. Just a rough draft. There are still a couple things we need to do, along with getting it translated. We discussed future zines and getting more submissions. We want to do another writing workshop.

• Corrections Committee

Paul D.

Group Conscience Items:

- Roll call: Paul D, Stacie, Joe C, Claire, Mandel C, Nate L
- Corrections-6 in Attendance 3 members and 3 new people asking questions about corrections
- Detailed explanation of how corrections works
- Went over new mail that's been coming in from jails
- Talked about updating the database
- Committee Roster /Survey completed and shared.
- Alt Chair/Secretary (Stacie) and Paul meeting weekly Thursdays 5-7pm by facetime or zoom, to get caught up.
- Panel 73 Projects: Contact Upon Release Program: Culling databases-Stacie/Lydia, need other HnI outreach within our Area

• Upcoming Area Events to Share with your meetings:

- 1. Thursday 5-7 pm Committee Work
- 2. *Prison Zoom Meeting*: Virtual session with persons in custody on the inside. Weekly meetings: Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm EST (Zoom only)
- To join: Zoom Sign In for tge meeting

- or join by phone: +1 646 558-8656
- Meeting ID: 824 0790 2054. Passcode: 123
- . International Corrections Meeting (ICM) Every Sunday on Zoom. 3pm 1st and Last Sunday, 8am all other Sundays.
- 1. Meeting ID: 841 1036 5604 Passcode: 223531 internationalcorrections@gmail.com
- 2. Los Angeles HnI Hybrid Meeting, https://www.lahic.org/lahic. 2nd Monday,l, 7:30 pm, Culver City (Corrections, "Contact Upon Release" Table)

• Finance Committee

Kerry O. Alternate DCM District 36 8 members were present, including one online. Sandra, the Alt Chair, chaired the meeting

The 2025 Budget is not ready to be presented today. Committee chairs should submit their budget requests for 2025 by August 18, 2024. After this date, the committee will move forward and propose an amount for the budget without the committee's input.

The proposed 2025 budget will be discussed and finalized at two meetings in September. September 7 and 21 8 to 10 am. The meetings will be hybrid. The in-person meeting will be at the CIH office at 5207 E. Olympic Blvd, East Los Angeles 90022. It is near a T Mobile store and has a small sign that says Interdistritos and District 49. Zoom information will be sent to all Area 5 members before the meeting. Committee chairs should plan to attend.

The committee voted 6-0 to support the proposal of the audit committee to shift responsibility for preparing the budget from the Finance Committee to the Accounts Treasurer. The Finance Committee is responsible for a material inventory each year - keeping track of any equipment owned by Area 5 such as audio visual and translation equipment. This is underway. If you are in possession of any Area 5 equipment and have not told Arnulfo yet, please tell Sandra today or Arnulfo.

• Grapevine La Vina Committee

Andrea D. We had five members in attendance. I ask that everyone download the Grapevine app. It is a free app. It has many tools. You can create a spiritual checklist with things you do every day to stay sober. It has a link to the meeting guide app. It has a day counter and sends quotes daily. I encourage you all to get a Grapevine Representative for your meeting.

Guidelines and Policies Committee (G&P)

Jim A. We will be presenting corrections to the ACM and fall assembly in writing. We had 7 in attendance, Alt and chair.

• Literature Committee

Alex H. We had two members in attendance. We are making progress on a clarifying flier. We had further discussions about the priorities and bullet points to include. Providing information about clarification pertaining to issues involved in the literature changes that are taking place. We are going to have a page on the area website for this flier.

• Public Information Committee

Jenny P. We had 14 in person + 1 on zoom. And our higher power.

Discussion about printing expenses \$400 for our PI cards for posting in public places. Packets of 10 distributed to Districts via the DCMs, DCMCs and MDCs. We discussed All present agreed on project. Discussed placing BBs either in English and/or Spanish to be placed in Tiny Lending Libraries around Area05 by districts. If the districts can dedicate funds to purchase books to be placed in their neighborhoods, then we're hoping they will. We are asking for \$75 unbudgeted expenses over our total budget of \$575 as a Project as PI Area Committee. We discussed requesting \$1500 to purchase BBs in 2025. We hope the project will be enlarged in the next panel. We discussed the process of becoming an Area Chairperson. All were encouraged to consider this opportunity. We thanked each other for participating in the great fellowship and what we've accomplished together.

• Registration Committee

Kristy L. We have an election assembly coming up in October. That's what we spent our time talking about today. We have a lot to do in preparation for that. If you are a new General Service Representative, District Committee Member or Committee Chair, make sure you are registered with the Area Registrar so you are eligible to vote at the election assembly.

SCAAN Committee

Jo S. The Alt Chair, Mandy D., and I met and discussed how the SCAAN issues are produced, the time it takes and what is involved in its production. The theme for the last Panel 73 issue for October 2024 is: "What I learned serving AA Area 05 Panel 73 as an officer or committee chair"

Share your experience, strength and hope as your two-year commitment ends; to share w the Area to inform Panel 75 officers and Committee chairs the time, talents and skills it required to fulfill your commitment.

Translation Committee

Jacobo M. We continue to translate the material that is sent to us. I want to thank my Alternate for of his help. We are looking for a good candidate to chair this committee for the next panel.

• Treatment Facilities Committee

Becca K. We had five members in attendance today. We have Bridging the Gap flyers to help people getting released get connected to A.A. outside. We discussed what works and what doesn't. We are helping to educate members on what Bridging the Gap does and doesn't do. We have had one-hundred-forty new contacts on this panel. We have connected thirty-one members from treatment facilities with members in the area. Mark will be attending the Bridging the Gap Workshop in Missoula Montana. We will be putting in a bid to host the 2025 Workshop.

• Website Committee

Claude D. So, we got a few things going on. There wasn't a whole lot of progress made recently. But one of them is we're gonna work with Scott, the webmaster to make the web page load faster. Right now, it takes something like 30 seconds to load. One of our goals is to get that to load faster. We are working on getting everyone a google account for their position. We are working on updating the Area Glide App.

• Accessibilities & Interpretation Ad-hoc Committee

Zoraida R. The committee is looking forward for the final vote on the motion to make the Accessibility Committee a permanent committee.

Members of the committee keep distributing the Multi-Language Meeting Find within Area 05 and have been approached by members outside the area who are interested in implementing a similar tool in their area's. Hearing stories of how this tool is helping reach alcoholics is inspiring.

The committee is hosting a workshop on Saturday, Nov 23rd with ASL & Spanish interpretation. Some of the following topics will be considered: Safety in AA, reaching underserved communities like: LGBTQ+, alcoholics w/ language Barriers, young alcoholics, atheist and agnostic, deaf and hard of hearing alcoholics, Gold Can initiative and building community for the deaf community.

All are invited to participate in the workshop and committee.

In preparation for the next panel, the committee also talked about setting the 2025 committee budget and the importance of leadership in preparation for the next panel.

We also talked about adding the Grapevine ASL interpreted stories link to our committee page on the area website.

The committee is scheduled to visit the Westside Combined Meeting in August.

The next Committee meeting is Monday, 7/29, at 6pm on Zoom.

Lunch Break

Officer Reports:

• Alternate Delegate: **Nikki U.** I am liaison to the Southern California H&I Intergroup. I went to Santa Barbara for the Meeting. I discussed what our Treatment Facilities Committee is doing with Bridging the Gap. I am also liaison for the L.A. Central Office. They are looking for volunteers for the phone bank. Also, looking for bilingual volunteers. I am also liaison to the Southern California Convention. It will be held the second weekend of November.

- Secretary: **Shawn A.** Remember that we are a two-language area. Everything you say into the microphone is translated by someone. The faster you speak the faster they must try and translate. Made a motion to approve ACM Approved 2025 Area Calendar for Final Approval. Motion was seconded. Vote was held. Motion Passed.
- Contributions Treasurer: **Brian P.** I attend the Pacific Regional Forum and the Not a Glum Lot Service Festival. I am presenting the second quarter 2024 contributions report today. The report matches the numbers on the accounts treasurer report.
- •Accounts Treasurer: **Alternate Delegate Nikki U.** is filling the position for the remainder of the Panel. I am presenting the second quarter 2024 Accounts Treasurer report today. The report matches the numbers on the contribution treasurer's report.
- Registrar: **Jen C.** So exciting numbers for today, we had a total of 124 participants. Ninety-Three in person and thirty-one online. An update on our group numbers, we currently have 743 regular groups, 33 virtual groups. 119 of those are Spanish speaking. 571 inactive groups and 680 unknowns. But that is a great number, because it was 801. I'll be relocating out of the area in the coming months. I will complete my commitment through this Panel.
- Chairperson: **Gola R.** I ensure the smooth running of the area. Help secure venues for the Area events and District hosts. We still need Hosts for the June ACM, July Assembly and August ACM. We do have hosts for the October Assembly and the November ACM. If you are curious about hosting, please contact me.

4 Area District Committee Member Report Back: Rachel K. DCM District 36

This year's 4 Area DCM Sharing session was held on Saturday, June 1st, hosted by Area 08, at the Pala Administration Building, in the city of Pala, on Native American reservation land, just north of San Diego. This was an opportunity for DCM's from Areas 05, 08, 09, and 93 to come together, to share experiences, and strengthen our fellowship. The event was and is specifically designed every year to support DCM's and GSR's in their service journey, and all are welcome to attend!

We had great representation from Area 05, with two past delegates in attendance, Jim W. and Thomas S., our delegate Doug S. and C.P.C. Chair Sue S., our Alternate Delegate Nikki U., and from the Westside Combined Districts: D.C.M.C. Joe C., and myself and Kerry O., representing District 36.

There is nothing better than the meeting before the meeting, while driving to an event. I had the great pleasure and honor of sharing the two hour journey to Pala with Joe C. and Kerry O.

As the car departed from the familiar freeways of Southern California on to winding roads through mountainous lands, we paused our rockin' music and lively conversation, and a spiritual quiet of awe and wonder filled the car. There were massive rocks sprinkled around, land plots filled with vegetation, grazing livestock, quiet intersections, occasional driveways and little houses here and there. This was another world, and we were guests arriving to this sacred and gracious land.

Area 08 hosted a truly wonderful 4 Area DCM Sharing Session.

The event started at 9am and was scheduled to wrap up around 1pm, just in time for lunch and Carne Asada was on the menu!

The first item on the agenda was Arrivals and Registration and the instructions for attendees to "eat/caffeinate & find your assigned table". At registration, we were assigned to various round tables for two 40-minute discussions. To kick off the sharing session, Joel C., a Past Trustee, gave a great presentation on Robert's Rules of Order. Joel shared with us the document outlining "How the Conference Operates", a beautiful one pager defining the procedures for the General Service Conference to conduct the business of serving the Fellowship in the very best

way: with a system of proceeding as informally as possible, and yet, maintaining a system of order that is consistent, fair, and in alignment with the spirit of our A.A. Traditions. I have brought copies for all who would like one. One side defines how the conference operates and the other side gives a great summary chart of Conference procedures, defining the order of proceedings when making a motion, including: how to amend a motion, tabling a motion, calling the question, and making a floor action.

All very useful and informative this was and Joel C.'s humble delivery of this presentation truly demonstrated what it means to be a trusted servant for our great Fellowship.

Next was the round tables!

For the First Round Table Discussion, I had the great privilege of being assigned to the topic of "Technology: A Tool for Service."

We looked at such questions as...

"What technological tools does your district utilize at the district and group level?"

"Has technology been a valuable asset to your district?"

"What challenges have you faced with technology and what solutions have you found to overcome them?"

We discussed the value of zoom, text messaging, email, area and district websites, and online payment systems. We agreed upon the great value these tools have brought to districts and areas, both for meetings and communications. We discussed the benefits, challenges, and the opportunities for improvement. One member declared, "We are in the middle of an evolution moment for our Fellowship with technology."

Others shared on the resistance with technology and that there is an opportunity within the Fellowship to exercise technology options with faith.

Questions were raised about A.I., and how will that be useful for us? For example, will we have A.I. to listen and translate a speaker into multiple languages for members of the Fellowship?

Others shared on the benefit of our use of electronic surveys for gathering group conscience on agenda items for the Delegate.

And there was discussion on the benefit of the Meeting Guide App to locate meeting information, and to read News updates from GSO.

It was acknowledged that utilizing these tools is essential, but with all of these, we are dependent upon human application. Who will host the zoom? Who will update a website? Who will send the email? Who will manage online payments? And so forth...

It was a lively discussion, and a productive one, shared with the group as a whole.

For the second Round Table, I was assigned to Team Building, which was delightful. I'm all about this topic, as anyone in District 36 will tell you, Team Building.... Let's Go! We looked at such questions as...

"What are some Team Building experiences that have worked for you?"

"Would a Team Building Event such as a picnic or dinner be something you are interested in?"

"Does your district/DCMs/GSRs do group visits to meetings?"

We discussed our greatest successes with team building: from building a district from the ground up, going from no GSR's to many, understanding the spirit of inclusiveness, visiting meetings as a group, encouraging each other, being a part of, supporting other ideas, even some where one may not be not necessarily in full agreement, and the importance of the group conscience as the guiding body for the whole.

It was discussed that 90% of this is participation, and 10% is willingness and attitude... and that good ideas can come from any area of General Service, from any area within the Fellowship.

The idea of fun was stressed: have a pool party, have a barbecue, have a picnic, and have some fun! It's so great to invite and include members of our Fellowship who are not involved in General Service to participate with these types of events! It was noted, for example, more people participate at the Not a Glum Lot picnic than at the assemblies... I

For team building within districts, we have fall festivals, picnics, plays, zoom meetings, in person meetings, group visits to meetings, performing a group/district inventory... all sorts of possible ways to create team building

moments with fellows in service. In Pala, it was shared the tradition there is basket weaving. The district gets together and makes that an activity. All sorts of team building possibilities to consider!

After the roundtable discussions and report back summaries, it was time for lunch! The Carne Asada was well worth the wait! The meat had been barbecuing for two hours, and it was out of this world!

The DCM Sharing Session was an opportunity for valuable insights and inspiration from fellows. It was also an opportunity to hear how others are doing it, to consider new ideas to implement and cultivate. There was great camaraderie at the tables and a spirit of 'Let's Go'. It was wonderful to meet fellow DCM's on this hallowed ground and exchange ideas and service information.

I was reminded that the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session would typically be held in February, before PRAASA, to help new DCM's prepare to support their General Service Representatives, especially as GSR's prepare to deliver background information and obtain an informed group conscience for their respective Delegate. Since this year's 4 Area DCM Sharing Session was held after the General Service Conference, there was less discussion on particular agenda items and the upcoming Conference, and more of a focus on the mechanics of service positions, groups, team building, technology, and best practices.

It was so wonderful to see friends there and make new friends along the way. My love for our great fellowship and for General Service was strengthened once again, my spiritual cup was filled to the brim, and I was reminded how we all contribute, that we all have a responsibility to do so, every single one of us.

The 4 Area DCM Sharing Session was a spiritual moment to share ideas. I want to thank Joe for driving. I want to thank Gola for asking me. And I want to thank Doug, Thomas S. and Lauren A. for their guidance. Next year, when the 4 Area DCM Sharing Session is on the calendar, don't miss the opportunity to attend!

This was an opportunity to return home inspired, ready to continue our work as trusted servants. Let us not wait until next year to be so inspired. Let us all continue to do our very best as trusted servants. Let us all continue to inspire and be inspired.

Pacific Regional Forum Report Back:

Joe C. DCMC Westside Combined Districts

It was also a privilege to represent Westside Combined Districts at this year's Pacific Regional Forum. The forum only takes place every other year, and each time it takes place, it's at one of the 15 areas that make up the Pacific Region, which are spread over the 9 Pacific Regional states, which are, California, Nevada, Arizona, Oregon, Utah, Idaho, Washington, Alaska, and Hawaii.

Altogether, there are 8 regions, and each gets their regional forum every other year. For a full map, and more information on the purpose of the Regions, please the AA Service Manual.

This year's Pacific Regional Forum was hosted by Area42 in sunny Las Vegas, Nevada from July 12th through the 14th at the Westgate Resort and Casino.

Regional Forums are hosted by the AA General Service Board, and are open to all AA members, or to anyone interested in AA. Registration is free!

Regional Forums are designed to enhance trust and communication between AA members, the General Service Board, Staff and Directors from the General Service Office, and The AA Grapevine.

Our Pacific Regional Trustee, Really K. moderated the event, and we also heard from General Service Office Staff Members, the General Manager, General Service Board Trustees, AA Grapevine Staff, AA World Services Staff, the delegates, and past Trustees.

There were presentations, workshops, panels, and more. There were also sharing sessions to allow for questions and comments

I feel horrible for having to have missed the monthly Westside Combined Districts meeting, as a result of attending the forum, but, I'm incredibly grateful that my alternate, Sean, was able and willing to step in and lead the meeting in my place. Thank you Sean.

I drove up with Joe F. DCM of District 5, and arrived at the hotel at about 11pm, after we checked-in, well, let's just say that what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas, but I will say, I never met a dollar I didn't like.

The following day was PACKED with panels, presentations, and sessions. Programming commenced at 9am, and went until 930pm.

Some highlights include hearing from Vera F - An AA World Services Non-Trustee Director. She shared on the AA World Services Board, and who makes it up, which includes; 2 General Service Trustees, 2 regional Trustees, 3 non-trustee Directors, 1 General Service Office Staff Coordinator, and the General Manager.

We also got to hear from Bob W. The General Manager of the General Service Office. He shared insights into his role, emphasizing his leadership and management at the office, guided by the 12 Concepts. He highlighted that he prioritizes leading over managing, aligning with Concept 9's principle that "good leadership delegates well." Additionally, he oversees International Relationships with General Service Boards globally, and he reports directly to the AA General Service Board Chairperson.

He has two assistants: one focused on the General Service Board and the other on AA World Services. Additionally, he serves as the President of AA World Services.

We got to hear Racy J., GSO Staff Coordinator give a presentation on the GSO Staff. She's one of the Special Workers mentioned in Tradition 8. She chairs a weekly staff meeting and manages bequests made to AA. She explained that each staff member also serves as a secretary to a trustee committee, a conference committee, and on corporate board committees. The General Service Office has a dedicated team of 87 employees.

Next, we heard from Marita R., Trustee-At-Large for the United States. She comes from Area 05 and served as the Delegate for Panel 49 from 1999 to 2000. She discussed the General Service Board, AA's worldwide fellowship, and her role in visiting other countries to support their General Service Structures.

We then had the Past Trustees' Sharing Session, where 9 Past Trustees shared their experience, strength, and hope. The session was moderated by Scott H., the new Chair of the General Service Board and the first alcoholic to hold this position.

Paul C. emphasized that everyone who seeks membership in AA deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. He then called on the General Service Board to make amends to Linda Chezem for the "day of infamy." In which she was forced to resign. He posed a thought-provoking question by quoting the playwright Juvenal from his play "Satires," asking, "Who watches the guardians? Who watches the watchers?" He answered, saying, "We do. The Fellowship does. The Fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous watches the General Service Board."

We then heard from Ruth J., who was a Panel 29 delegate in 1979-1980 and a Trustee from 1986-1990. She talked about how it was at that time that the Daily Reflections was given to the Fellowship, after we had been asking for it for 8 years. She noted that the Conference asked the Fellowship if they wanted to write it, or if they wanted the Conference to be in charge of writing it, and the Fellowship said that We wanted to write it, then the Conference asked the Fellowship if they were sure they wanted to write it - we said yes. Each Trustee had 300 stories to read and cut down, in order to come up with that became our Daily Reflections. She also shared about how over the weekend, she learned how helpful the Plain Language Big Book will be for the Hard of Hearing Community, which was something she never considered.

We also heard from George D., the oldest living Past Delegate, who served as Delegate on Panel 25 in 1975 and 1976. At 97 years old and with 62 years of sobriety, he's someone I had the privilege of dining with on Saturday night. He told us that at 97 years old, being asked to go to Vegas to share his past experiences should be considered elderly abuse. After the laughter, he expressed his immense gratitude for AA, marveling at how a man in his late 90s can still go out and make new friends from all over.

On Saturday night, after an interesting turn of events, I had the pleasure of dining with a small group that included our Trustee at Large, Marita R., three past trustees, two former GSO General Managers, and the Delegate of Area 72. While the food was just okay, the conversation and fellowship were truly enriching, touching my soul in a deeply profound way. Near the end of the dinner, Marita asked, "Joe, everyone from your area is at that table over there; how did you end up with us?" I shared my fortune cookie fortune with her, which read, "An unexpected event will bring you riches."

The Ask-It basket session was very informative.

One of the questions asked was, How are pamphlets evaluated for effectiveness? How are they evaluated? Racy J. Answered that the General Service Conference oversees this process. Each committee reviews pamphlets periodically, and when a pamphlet is up for review, it is examined by the relevant Conference Committee—such as the Conference Public Information Committee, the Conference Corrections Committee, or the Conference

Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee. If a pamphlet doesn't fit into any specific committee, it is reviewed by the Conference Literature Committee.

Another question was, How does the Chair to the General Service Board, Scott H, maintain anonymity when part of his responsibilities are making public appearances?

The answer to that is, in such events, a Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustee will make such appearances.

Someone then asked, When will we have the Plain Language Big Book?

There are still things being finalized, the conference is making ongoing edits. Once they are complete, updates will be presented at the AA World Services Board Meeting, where discussions on pricing and formats will be discussed. The Projection is for publishing and printing to be done by November 1st, so, the book should be available before Christmas, but, don't hold them to it.

A member asked how we equate 2,000,000 as the total number of members in our Fellowship. Racy J, the longest standing GSO Staff Coordinator answered the question. She reinforced that we do not collect or record AA Member information, and that while we have no exact numbers, we're trying our best.

We then heard closing remarks from our Pacific Regional Trustee, our General Manager, and the Chairman of the General Service Board.

Reilly K, our Pacific Regional Trustee recalled that in 1975, there was a sense that nobody really knew the trustees and that not many people would go to NYC to see and meet the people of GSO, so, to address this, they thought that they would bring GSO to us, leading to the creation of the Pacific Regional Forum and PRAASA. She continues to discover that through love, service, and unity, we can work together to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholics, who we will never meet. Reilly also gave us the final attendance numbers. 918 attendees and 588 being first-time attendees.

Our General Manager, Bob W., reminded us that everyone at the General Service Office and the General Service Board are just people, putting their pants on one leg at a time. He expressed his hope that we have gained a deeper understanding of the General Service Board and how deeply rooted it is in the groups. He remembers being brand new to the job in 2021, when he received an email from an AA member demanding the preamble changed back, immediately. But that's not his decision. Decisions like these aren't made by any one person, but by us—the Fellowship. It's the Fellowship that decides the fate of AA.

We then heard from the chair of the board. He told us that this is his second forum this year, and he just realized that it is him who gives the closing remark, the final words. He told us how significant this was to him, because, as a married man, he never gets the last word. He then thanked us for the kindness, the words of encouragement, and all of the examples of how we can all have a difference of opinions, differing views, and a different vision, but we can still be kind and respectful to each other.

We then heard from the Chairman of the Board, Scott H, who shared that this was his second forum of the year and that he had just now realized he was the one to deliver the closing remarks. He spoke with deep meaning about the significance of this moment for him, noting that, as a married man, he never gets the last word. He thanked us for the kindness, encouragement, and the examples that in a world often divided by conflicting perspectives, the Fellowship demonstrates that it is possible to navigate our differences with grace and understanding, fostering an environment where each voice is valued, and every interaction is marked by genuine respect. This, he believes, is a testament to the strength and unity of our Fellowship, and a powerful reminder that our diversity is a source of our strength, not division.

Unfinished Business:

Final Approval Vote: Motion to Establish a Standing Area 05 Accessibilities Committee (Zoraida R.) Motion was made to establish a standing Area 05 Accessibilities Committee. Motion was seconded. Discussion was opened. There was no discussion. Went to the vote. Vote was unanimous to approve. Motion passed.

Final Approval Vote: Motion to Support the Area 05 Treatment Facilities Committee Bid to Host the 2025 Bridging the Gap Conference (Mark S., Treatment Facilities Committee Chair) Motion was made to request Area 05 support the Treatment Facilities bid to host the 2025 Bridging the Gap Workshop. Motion was seconded.

Discussion was opened. Minimal discussion was made. A few questions about budgeting and translation. Discussion was closed and went to a vote. Motion passed.

Hernan L. - 45th Hispanic FORO Update.

I am the coordinator of the 45th Spanish Foro. District 49 is the host this year. The committee meets the first Sunday of every month in different Districts. The FORO will be held on November 10th, 2024 at the Rosemead Community Recreation Center.

New Business:

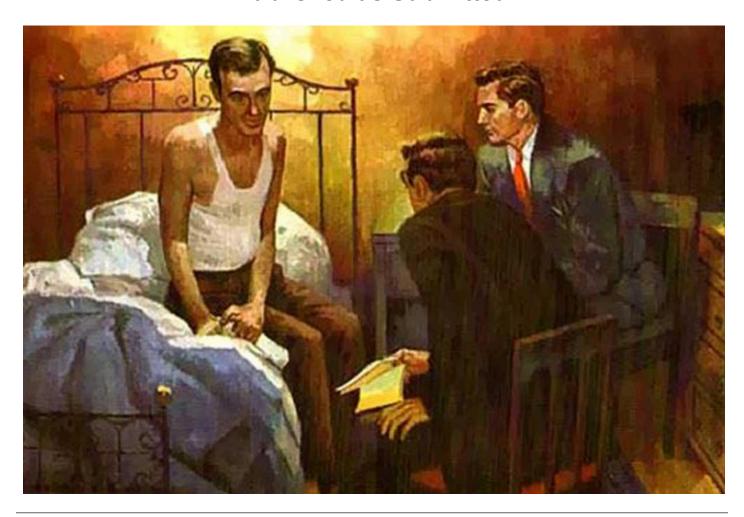
Presentation of Proposed Changes to Guidelines & Policies (Lauren A., Audit Subcommittee Chair / Panel 71 Delegate)

Unbudgeted Expense Request (Mark S., Treatment Facilities Committee Chair) Request was made for \$1,350.00 to attend a conference in Missoula Montana. Motion was seconded by the Finance Committee Chair. Accounts Treasurer said that the money was available. Discussion was opened. After a lively discussion a vote was held. Vote was unanimous. Request was approved.

Good and Welfare Announcements Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting, closing with the Responsibility Pledge in Spanish and English.

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Downey Elks Lodge #2020 11263 Woodruff Ave - Downey, CA 90241

Zoom Meeting ID: 891 0086 2280 Passcode: area05

8:00	Registration & Fellowship (Zoom & In-Person)
9:00	2 Minutes Silent Meditation & Serenity Prayer
	Call-to-Order
	Welcome and Opening Comments
	AA Birthdays (July 28th - October 20th)
	The Twelve Concepts (Short Form) - Spanish and English
9:15	Presentations:
	- October 20th Assembly Agenda
	- July 27th Assembly Minutes
	- 2025 SCAA Budget
	- 3rd Quarter Contributions Report
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9:35	Roll Call
9:45	Introduction of Pacific Regional Trustee & Visitors (<i>Delegate, Doug S.</i>)
9:55	Zoom Third Legacy Election Procedures - Tech 12
10:05	Third Legacy Election Procedures (Reilly K, Pacific Regional Trustee)
	Area Guidelines & Policies VII B (Doug) - Third Legacy Election Procedure (S21&S22) - (Reilly)
10:20	Third Legacy Election: Trustee-at-Large Area Nomination
	Qualifications and Duties of Trustee-at-Large
	Resumes of Standing Candidates
	Balloting and Election of Trustee-at-Large Area 05 Nomination
	Third Legacy Election: Area 05 Delegate
	• Qualifications and Duties of Delegate (Service Manual S48, 49, 50 & III E. 2, Area Guideline & Policies)
	• Roll Call of Eligible Candidates and Introduction of Candidates
	Resumes of Eligible Candidates
	Balloting and Election of Area Delegate
	Third Legacy Election: Area 05 Alternate Delegate
	 Qualifications & Duties of Alternate Delegate (Service Manual SSO & III E. 3, Area Guideline & Policies)
	Roll Call of Eligible Candidates and Introduction of Candidates
	Resumes of Eligible Candidates
	Balloting and Election of Alternate Delegate

Third Legacy Election: Area 05 Chairperson Qualifications & Duties of Area Chairperson (Service Manual S44,45- III E.4, Area Guideline & Policies) Roll Call of Eligible Candidates and Introduction of Candidates Resume of Eligible Candidates · Balloting and Election of Area Chairperson 12:30 Lunch 1:15 Third Legacy Election: Area 05 Secretary Qualifications & Duties of Secretary (Service Manual S45- III E.5, Area Guideline & Policies) Roll Call of Eligible Candidates and Introduction of Candidates • Resumes of Eligible Candidates Balloting and Election of Secretary Third Legacy Election: Area 05 Accounts Treasurer Qualifications & Duties of Accounts Treasurer (Service Manual S46- III E. 6, Area Guideline & Policies) Roll Call of Eligible Candidates and Introduction of Candidates Resumes of Eligible Candidates Balloting and Election of Accounts Treasurer Third Legacy Election: Area 05 Contributions Treasurer • Qualifications & Duties of Contributions Treasurer (Service Manual S46- Ill E.7, Area Guideline & Policies) Roll Call of Eligible Candidates and Introduction of Candidates Resumes of Eligible Candidates Balloting and Election of Contributions Treasurer Third Legacy Election: Area 05 Registrar Qualifications & Duties of Registrar (Service Manual S45, Ill E.8, Area Guideline & Policies) • Roll Call of Eligible Candidates and Introduction of Candidates Resumes of Eligible Candidates Balloting and Election of Registrar Presentation of Panel 75 Area 05 Officers 3:15 **Good & Welfare Announcements** 3:30 3:45 Closing: Moment of Silence & Responsibility Statement (Spanish & English)